

R E M A R K S

Claims 11, 14-17, 20 and 23-44 are in the application, with Claims 11, 14, 15, 20, 23, 24, 27, 30 and 33 having been amended, with Claims 1-10, 12, 13, 18, 19, 21 and 22 having been cancelled, and with Claims 41-44 having been added. It is noted that new claim 41 is the same as former claim 10, but now dependent on claim 11; new claim 42 is the same as former claim 13, but now dependent on claim 14; new claim 43 is the same as former claim 19, but now dependent on claim 20; and new claim 44 is the same as former claim 22, but now dependent on claim 23. Claims 11, 14, 15, 20, 23, 24, 27, 30, 33 and 36 are the independent claims herein. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

It is noted with appreciation that claims 36-40 have been allowed. Moreover, claims 11, 14, 20 and 23 have been found to recite allowable subject matter. Since the latter claims have now been rewritten in independent form without change in scope, the same also are believed to be in condition for allowance.

The remaining independent claims, which are claims 15, 24, 27, 30 and 33, stand rejected under § 103(a) in reliance on the Choudhury and Yin references. To overcome these rejections, each of those claims has now been amended to incorporate the same limitation that the Examiner has found rendered claim 11 allowable. Accordingly, all of these independent claims as well are believed to be in condition for allowance.

C O N C L U S I O N

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned via telephone at (203) 972-3460.

Respectfully submitted,

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